

AN
ORDINANCE

OF
The *Lords* and *Commons* assembled
IN
PARLIAMENT,

For the utter demolishing, removing
and taking away of all

MONUMENTS
OF

Superstition or Idolatry,

Out of all the Churches and Chappels within this
Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*,

Before the First day of November, 1643.

Ordered by the *Commons* in Parliament, That this Or-
dinance be forthwith printed & published:

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Die Luna, 28. Augusti, 1643.

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament taking into their serious Considerations, how well pleasing it is to God, and conduceable to the blessed Reformation in his Worship, so much desired by both Houses of Parliament, That all Monuments of Superstition or Idolatry should be removed and demollished; Do Ordain, That in all and every the Churches and Chappels, as well Cathedral and Collegiate, as other Churches and Chappels, and other usuall places of publick Prayer, authorised by Law within this Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, all Altars and Tables of Stone, shall before the first day of November, in the yeer of our Lord God 1643. be utterly taken away and demollished; And also all Communion Tables removed from the East end of every such Church, Chappell, or place of publick Prayer, and Chancell of the same, and shall be placed in some other

fit & convenient place or places of the body of the said Church, Chappell, or other such place of publick Prayer, or of the body of the chancel of every such Church, Chappell, or other such place of publick Prayer; And that all Rails whatsoever, which have been erected neer to before, or about any Altar, or Communion Table, in any of the said Churches or Chappells, or other such place of publick Prayer at aforesaid, shall before the said day be likewise taken away; And the Chancell ground of every such Church or Chappell, or other place of publick Prayer, which hath been within twenty yeers last past, raised for any Altar or Communion Table to stand upon, shall before the said day be laid down, and levelled as the same was before the said Twenty yeers last past; And that all Tapers, Candelstickes and Basons, shall before the said day be removed and taken away from the Communion Table in every such Church, Chappell, or other place of publick Prayer, and neither the same, nor any such like shall be used about the same at any time after the said day; And that all Crucifixes, Crosses, and all Images and Pictures
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of any one or more Persons of the Trinity, or of the Virgin *Mary*, and all other Images and Pictures of Saints, or Superstitious Incriptions in, or upon all and every the said Churches or Chappells or other places of publick Prayer, Church-yards, or other places to any the said Churches and Chappells; or other place of publick Prayer, belonging, or in any other open place, shall before the said first day of *November* be taken away and defaced, and none of the like hereafter permitted in any such Church or Chappell, or other places as aforesaid.

And be it further Ordain'd that all and every such remoyall of the said Altars, Tables of stone, Communion Table, Tapers, Candlesticks and Basons, Crucifixes and Crosses, Images and Pictures as aforesaid, taking away of the said Rayles, levelling of the said grounds, shall be done and performed, and the walls, Windowes, Grounds, and other places which shall be broken, impaired or altered by any the meanes aforesaid, shall be made up and repaired in good and sufficient manner, in all and every of the said Parish-churches or Chappels,

pels, or usuall places of publick Prayer belonging to any Parish, by the Churchwarden, or Church-wardens of every such Parish for the time being respectively; And in any Cathedral or Collegiate Church or chappell, by the Dean or Sub-Dean, or other chiefe Officer of every such church or chappell for the time being; And in the Universities, by the severall Heads and Governours of every Colledge or Hall respectively; And in the severall Inns of Court, by the *Benchers* and *Readers* of every of the same respectively, at the cost and charges of all and every such Person or Persons, Body Politick or corporate, or parishioners of every parish respectively, to whom the charge of the repaire of any such church, chappell, chancel, or place of publick Prayer, or other part of such church or chappell, or place of publick prayer doth, or shall belong: and in case default be made in any of the Premisses by any of the person or persons thereunto appointed by this Ordinance from, and after the said first day of *November*, which shall be in the yeer of our Lord God 1643. That then every such person or persons so making default, shall for every such

such neglect or default, by the space of Twenty dayes, forfeit and lose forty shillings to the use of the poore of the said Parish wherein such default shall be made, or if it be out of any parish, then to the use of the poore of such parish whose Church is or shall be neereſt to the Church or Chappell, or other place of publick prayer where such default ſhalbe made; and if default ſhalbe made after the firſt day of December, which ſhall be in the ſaid yeer 1643. Then any one Juſtice of the Peace of the county, City or town where ſuch default ſhall be made, upon information thereof to him to be given, ſhall cauſe or procure the promiſſes to be performed according to the Tenor of this Ordinance at the coſt and charges of ſuch perſon or perſons, bodies poliſtick or corporate, or Inhabitants in every pariſh who are appointed by this Ordinance to bear the ſame.

Provided, that this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend to any Image, Picture, or coate of Armes in Glaſſe, Stone, or otherwiſe; in any Church, Chappell, Church-yard or place of publick prayer

as aforesaid, set up or graven only for the
 ment of any King, Prince, or Nobleman, or
 other dead person which hath not been com-
 monly reputed or taken for a Saint: But that
 all such Images, Pictures, and coates of Armes
 may stand and continue in like manner and
 forme, as if this Ordinance had never been
 made.

FINIS.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament,
 That this Ordinance be forthwith printed; And
 divulged and dispersed through the severall and
 respective Counties, Cities and Towns, by the
 severall and respective Knights and Burgeses:

H: Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

